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For: SYSTEM FOR DISTRIBUTING AND SELECTING AUDIO AND VIDEO INFORMATION AND METHOD IMPLEMENTED BY SAID SYSTEM

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In view of the remarks herein, favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 27-30 have been rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Russo in view of Ullrich. Applicant respectfully points out that, based on the priority claims in the instant application, Russo is not prior art. Applicant further notes that a certified copy of PCT/FR95/01338 has been filed in this application. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

In view of the above, Applicant believes that this application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and passage of this case to issuance at an early date are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this application, he is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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